## Congressman John Conyers, Jr. Chairman, U.S. House Judiciary Committee

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### Legislative Report

#### Stevie Wonder nominated for Congressional Gold Medal

Congressman Conyers has introduced legislation to award Motown legend Stevie Wonder the Congressional Gold Medal. The Congressman says his bill recognizes Wonder's ground breaking musical achievements, political activism and incredible contribution to the music industry.

#### **Conyers holds Town Hall Meeting on Gas Prices**

Congressman John Conyers, Jr. recently held a town hall meeting on Gas Prices at Wayne State University's McGregor Memorial Conference Center.

"Sky rocketing gas prices are causing a serious drain on our pocketbooks and our economy", said Conyers. "In 2006 Americans paid an average of \$1,000 more for gasoline than in 2001. While consumers pay record prices, the oil companies are raking in record profits", Conyers explained.

Conyers has introduced legislation to stop the gorging of Americans at the gas pump. The No Oil Producing and Exporting Cartels Act of 2007 (NOPEC) makes it illegal for foreign governments participating in an oil cartel to restrict supply and fix prices. The bill also authorizes the Department of Justice to bring lawsuits into federal courts against oil cartel members.

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CONYERS, MICHAEL MOORE HOLD BRIEF-ING ON HEALTH

CARE Congressman John Conyers, Jr. and Academy Award winning director Michael Moore screened footage from Moore's new film "Sicko" during a hearing on health care reform on Capital Hill this month.

Moore's new movie "Sicko" illustrates the human impact of a health care system based on profit instead of patients. The most disturbing, and compelling aspect of the film is that the heartbreaking personal stories it features is not about the 47 million uninsured. They are about people who actually had health insurance when they were forced into bankruptcy

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#### **Detroiter receives Congressional Silver Medal**

Congressman John Conyers Jr. presented the Congressional Silver Medal to Donald Stuckey II during a special ceremony at the 14th Congressional District.

The Congressional Award was established by Congress in 1979 to promote and recognize achievement and service by America's youth aged 14-23. This award provides a unique opportunity for young people to set and achieve personal goals that build character and foster community service, personal development and citizenship. To earn a bronze, silver or gold Congressional Award participants set and achieve goals in the following four areas:

- Voluntary Public Service
- Physical fitness
- Personal Development
- Expeditions

If you know a youngster aged 14-23 who would like to compete for a Congressional Award call (202) 226-0130

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#### DTV is coming faster than you think

Considering buying a new T.V? Let the buyer beware! Congress has set a deadline of February 17, 2009 for all American television stations to begin broadcasting using digital technology. Digital technology will provide improved picture quality and sound quality so watching T.V. at home will be more like going to the movies.

Unfortunately, the new digital technology is not compatible with the current analog technology. Many consumers could see their T.V. fade to black on February 17, 2009 if they are not prepared.

When buying television sets and other TV equipment such as DVD players, consumers should look for products equipped with a digital tuner. Otherwise, you will need to purchase a digital-to-analog converter box to convert the digital signal being sent to your television from the television station into an analog signal so that your analog equipment can display the picture.

Many of the television sets currently "on sale" are not the bargains you think they are when you consider that you will have to buy a converter box if you plan to use them after February 17, 2009.

If you subscribe to satellite or cable television the transition to digital will not impact your ability to watch your favorite shows. If you need more information please contact the FCC at (888) 835-5322

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due to medical debt or when a family member died because he or she was denied necessary care. By focusing on Americans who have health insurance, Moore's film shows us that no one is immune from our nation's health care system. "The stories highlighted in this film are impossible to ignore or explain away, and that is why I believe that the release of "Sicko" is one of the most important developments in the debate over national health care since the Clinton's tried to pass universal health care legislation in 1994", said Conyers. "Sicko" is currently playing at local theaters in Metro-Detroit.

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